

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed December 19, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-28 were pending and rejected claims 1-28. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 24-28 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, new claim 29 has been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-28 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 8, 15 and 25-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rossides, U.S. Patent No. 6,131,085. Rossides discusses an online system for collecting and selling answers to questions. The system does so by collecting questions to which there is not an answer in the system along with an estimate as to what an individual would pay for the answer to the question. Individuals who pose a question to the system for which there is not an answer are informed based on the estimate and the prior rate that the subject question has been posed, what the probable payout would be for them to research and provide the answer. Thereby giving an incentive for an individual asking question to provide the answer to the question. Thereafter in response to the question the system provides an answer and the individual who answered it receives a royalty. Thus, Rossides is a system where an ad hoc question is posed and an individual, not a service provider, provides an answer. In contrast the system of the claims provides content from multiple services from multiple service providers. (See Fig. 1 of the present application.) A user requests the meaning of a word and is provided with content from three separate dictionary content providers.

Claims 1, 8, 15 and 24-28 have been amended. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to additionally recite "the services offered through the service provider's content delivery interface and the agency service." The amended claims distinguishing from Rossides where an individual answers a question posed to the system. The amended claims are to a service provider that delivers its own content through an interface or content through the agency service.

Claims 24-28 have been amended to recite "each service provider of the plurality of service providers also providing services through the service provider's content deliver interface."

The prior art failing to teach or suggest the service provider as defined in claims 1, 8, 15 and 24-28.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-11, 13-14, 16-18 and 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Rossides. As stated in the traversal of the 102(b) rejection the independent claims are distinguishable over the reference, and therefore, taken alone or in combination with the secondary reference do not disclose, teach or suggest the limitations of the claims dependent therefrom.

Claims 5, 12, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Rossides in view of Eisdorfer, U.S. Patent No. 5,893,903. The system of Eisdorfer is to an electronic postage stamp for email. There is no suggestion that a system that determines payment by the receipt of email, should be combined with a system of the current claims. In is respectfully submitted that the references taken alone or in combination do not disclose, teach or suggest the limitations of the claims.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claim 29 is new. Support for claim 29 can be found on page 9, line 27 through page 10, line 3 of the Application. The prior art failing to teach or suggest that an agency service charges a fixed fee that is not related to providing counts and that a portion of the total agency service usage fees during a given period becomes the shared target money.

SUMMARY

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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